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Addressing upcoming changes

USG, students discuss future OneCard system, new required health plan

By Candice Jones
REPORTER

Rumors that the B'G Charge was disappearing could be laid to rest, after last night's Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

The issue was the future "Campus OneCard" system. University administrator Jeff Nelson made a guest appearance at the meeting to explain the system and answer questions. Nelson is the chair of the OneCard steering committee and director of the University Bookstore.

OneCard is the system that will replace the way students use their IDs for payment.

Currently, the University uses a payment system called Diebold to run point-of-sale at places like dining halls where student IDs are used to pay for food. Now that Diebold will be going out of business, the University was forced to choose a new system.

That is where OneCard comes in. With the new system, the University hopes to expand student payment options.

It is called OneCard because the system deals with more than just meal plans, according to Nelson.

"There are a whole lot of options

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Depression on V-Day

Holiday may create negative reminder for singles, raises expectations for couples — possibly leading to disappointment

By Lisa Halverstadt
REPORTER

For singles, Feb. 14 isn't necessarily about candy hearts and holding hands — for some, it's about loneliness.

While sad faces aren't often featured in Valentine's Day commercials, many singles think of the holiday as a harsh reminder that they don't have someone to be their valentine.

By ignoring the unattached, the holiday discriminates against singles, according to Gary Lee, a professor and chair of the University's sociology department.

"It assumes you have a significant other and if you don't, you're left out," he said. "It's a reminder to unpartnered people that people with partners are celebrating."

Paul Kleeman, a senior who is single, doesn't look forward to Feb. 14.

"I think it sucks, but it's better if you're in a relationship than not," he said.

But Tess Harder, another single senior, said being in a relationship last year didn't make her holiday any better.

After she told him she didn't care about gifts, her now ex-boyfriend didn't even acknowledge the holiday.

"Everybody says you feel different [about Valentine's Day] if you're in a relationship — I disagree," she said, adding that last year was her worst yet.

Contributing to this are media images, which can raise expectations about the holiday and cause disappointment for both singles and couples, said Becky Davenport, a psychologist at the University's Counseling Center.

"[People] may start to think 'what am I doing wrong,'" she said.

She said if students feel overwhelmed or lonely, they may begin to withdraw from friends, but companionship is most critical at this time.

In order to lighten the mood, Harder and her girlfriends go out to dinner together every Valentine's Day dressed in festive outfits.

She looks forward to eating with her friends and poking fun at the holiday again this year with a group of girls, rather than with a significant other.

Other singles mock the holiday in other ways.

The Women's Chorus is hosting a Singles Awareness Raffle rather than selling baked goods for Valentine's Day.

"We wanted to make a joke out of it," said Katie Hartman, a sophomore member of the chorus.

Their table in the Union, complete with an iPod playing bitter love songs and a black sign featuring a broken heart, has been especially successful, she said.

"It catches people's attention if they don't have a significant other," Hartman said. "Lots of people laugh when they walk by."

But not all students can laugh about their single status.

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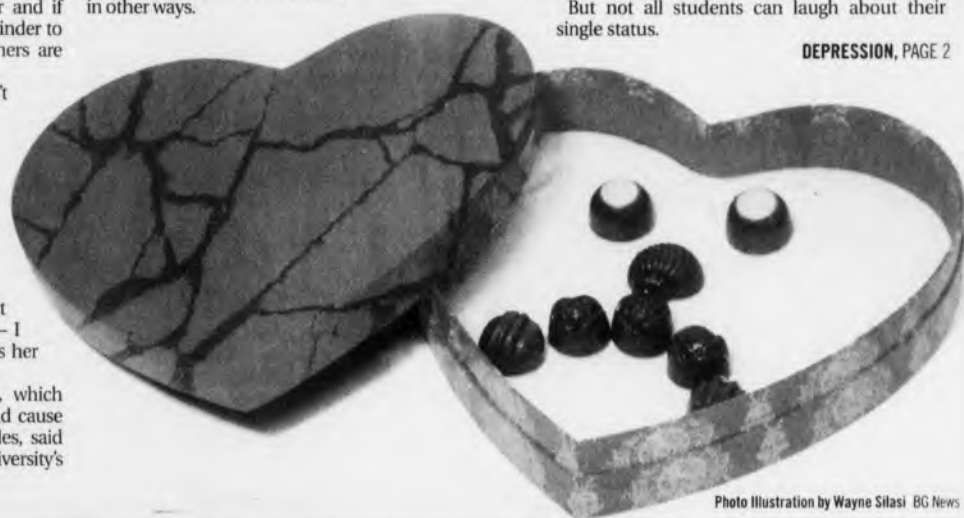


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Rivalry results in vandalism



Jordan Flower BG News

VANDALIZING SIGNS: Students were shocked at spray-painted messages found yesterday morning on campus. Around 3 a.m. Sunday night 4 UT students were questioned by police for being on campus so late.

UT students allegedly spray-painted 'BG sucks' around campus Sunday

By Jacqueline Rabe
REPORTER

Rivalry between the University of Toledo and BGSU has always existed, but BGSU's campus police chief said he never expected it to be taken this far.

The Rocket logo for UT and the slogan "BG Sucks" was spray-painted in blue and yellow, UT colors, on-campus at nine different locations early Sunday morning.

"This type of rivalry is normally done to the Spirit Rock which is not considered vandalism," Police Chief Jim Wiegand said. "And nothing of substantial damage normally occurs from this rivalry."

VANDALISM, PAGE 6

Student groups fight to remain

Political and activist groups form, disperse quickly on campus

By Megan Schmidt
REPORTER

With more than 300 existing campus organizations, it isn't hard for most students to find at least one group that speaks to them.

That is, unless the student is looking to join a political activist or awareness group — then the search becomes more difficult.

The past decade at the University has witnessed both the formation — and the demise — of dozens of politically-oriented campus organizations. Groups like Reach Out, Conservative Student Publications and local chapters of associations like the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) were once registered, funded student organizations.

But today, none of these organizations exists at BGSU.

Even though new organizations crop up each year, the University can't seem to develop new groups as quickly as

they lose old ones.

Brian Dixon, political action chair for the Latino Student Union, said the dwindling number of options offered for political expression leaves something to be desired for the student community.

"As far as groups to get involved with, you have your College Democrats, your College Republicans and you have USG on a more local level," he said. "There does seem to be a void for politically-oriented groups."

But Dixon said the problem might be that although organizations exist that cater to activism, students might not know anything about them — for a number of reasons.

"If [the organizations] are out there, they are not well-known, promoted or just not very active," he said.

But in the case of Reach Out, a group which former president Jeff Nollish said, "stemmed out of the desire to lend a hand to the less fortunate and underprivileged," the organization failed to recruit new members this year for a whole other reason.

It no longer exists.

In its recent history, Reach

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Focusing on students, multicultural issues

Dep. of ethnic studies meets with potential dean candidate

By Dan Myers
REPORTER

About 20 faculty and students in the University's ethnic studies department met yesterday afternoon in the Union with a candidate who may become the department's new dean.

Larry Shinagawa, a professor at Ithaca College in New York, said what he'd do if he's hired during a question-and-answer session that came after an hour-long presentation.

As dean, Shinagawa said he

would encourage students to work in the community outside an internship, hire faculty trained in specific ethnicities to teach new courses and possibly create a master's degree within the department.

"Realize that I feel very strongly about ethnic studies," he said. "It has the power to change people's lives."

In an interview afterward, Shinagawa said he wants to increase student engagement.

"You'll find in me someone who has a lot of experience but also someone who's very concerned with students," he said.

During his presentation, which focused on Asian Americans as they relate to ethnic studies, Shinagawa touched on three issues that he said should be researched more extensively by scholars in his field.

The first is to acknowledge that many ethnic studies debates were begun in the 1960s and need to be evolved.

"We're still living with the legacy of colonized minority," he said. Colonized minorities are

minorities who immigrated to the U.S. generations ago. Shinagawa said immigrant

minorities today are "racialized" — categorized with all others of their race — but do not share the same history and experience of minorities who have lived in the U.S. for generations.

The second issue Shinagawa outlined had to do with a "process of culturalization" — minorities becoming Americanized after emigration.

"There is some retrogression [of their culture]," he said. "It leads to them becoming part of the mainstream."

Not enough emphasis is placed on interminority relations, he said, as opposed to the emphasis on



LARRY SHINAGAWA

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

WEDNESDAY



Cloudy High: 41° Low: 37°

THURSDAY



Showers High: 51° Low: 29°

FRIDAY



Snow High: 33° Low: 18°

SATURDAY



Mostly Cloudy High: 24° Low: 15°

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Bald eagles make a come-back in Ohio, thanks to state efforts

Environmental pollution, 'progress' may still limit eagles

By Laura Collins
REPORTER

In 1969 there were only four breeding pairs of bald eagles in Ohio, the national icon had nearly been wiped out within the state. But today there are over 125 breeding pairs due to the efforts of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Mark Shieldcastle, a biologist with the division of wildlife in the ODNR, spoke on saving and restoring Ohio's bald eagle population as part of the College of Arts and Sciences Forum Lecture Lunch Series. He explained some of the reasons for the decline of bald eagles and what the state has done to reverse it.

Since bald eagles are spatially dependent, as the wetlands turned into cement and gravel, the eagles began to die down, Shieldcastle said. Contaminants also contributed

to the species' decline because they negatively affected reproduction in the eagles.

As a result, a national program was developed to save the eagles, a game plan that involved giving them time to change and adapt.

"The birds needed to learn to adapt to humans," Shieldcastle said. "That pristine habitat is not coming back."

The program began with educating the public about the seriousness of the problem and about the Endangered Species Act and the Eagle Act of 1940, which protected the birds.

"If you walk by a nest and cause the eagle to fly out, technically you have broken two federal laws," Shieldcastle said.

He added that they don't necessarily enforce it to that level, but it's important for the public to know how protected the birds are.

They also began creating artificial nest bases. Since eagle nests can weigh hundreds of pounds, there aren't as many trees anymore that can hold the nests safely, Shieldcastle said.

One of the most successful ways the eagle population began recovering was due to fostering, a process that involves taking a young eagle that was born in captivity and placing it in an eagle nest in the wild. Shieldcastle said that while this usually confused the eagle in the wild, eventually instinct would take over and the adult would feed and care for the young.

As a result of these efforts, Ohio's population of bald eagles is continually growing with 125 breeding nests reported last year and 11 new pairs accounted for this year, Shieldcastle said.

They also plan to continue monitoring eagle nests and established the Volunteer Nest Monitoring Program, a first in the nation, where Ohio citizens can help by watching and reporting the behavior of the birds.

Shieldcastle said that one of his biggest concerns right now and for the future is making sure the eagles adapt to the changing habitat.

"We can't protect this bird for-

ever," Shieldcastle said. "It has to learn to live with humans."

But for now, Shieldcastle said the state has no plans to back off anytime soon. They still plan to continue observing the productivity and health of the birds, as well as their interaction with other species.

Donald Nieman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the topic is part of the lecture series because he believes the bald eagle population is a very important issue to address. He added that the purpose of the lecture series is to talk about issues that are important and of general concern.

Lisa Toich, a senior at the University, attended the lecture because she was interested in what was being done to protect Ohio's eagles.

"I knew there was a recovery plan for the eagles," Toich said. "But I didn't know what it was and I thought this would be a good way to learn more."

Not all down on V-day

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"We get called all the time about relationships," said Molly Whelan, a social worker who answers calls at The Link, a 24-hour crisis hotline in Bowling Green. "People don't just want a relationship on Feb. 14."

Meanwhile, she emphasized that loneliness associated with any holiday is different from depression.

"Loneliness is a desire and a want to be in a couple and have the benefits of it," she said, noting that depression is more serious.

According to Whelan, depression isn't easy to get over and medication is usually required to treat it.

But not all students let Valentine's Day get them down.

Michael Defrank, junior, said he tries to do something nice for the girls in his life every year. Last year, he made chocolate-covered strawberries for some single friends in a sorority who didn't have valentines.

"It means more to the girls than guys and I like surprising them," he said.

Freshman Erik Soto also enjoys celebrating.

This year, he will take a girl he's dating to an ethnic restaurant. On

a past Valentine's Day he drove to New York to see a girlfriend who was visiting her grandmother.

Despite the hours that went into that surprise, Soto doesn't see himself as the biggest fan of the holiday. He said he just appreciates the opportunity to show others that he cares about them.

"It's probably one of the only days in the year that you can just go all out and show someone what they really mean to you," he said.

BG NEWS BRIEFING

Odd smell prompts library evacuation

Students and roughly 150 employees were evacuated from the Jerome Library yesterday while fire and police officials tracked down the source of a "gassy, burning" smell.

Originally reported by a library patron at 4:25 p.m., a search of the building found the smell's source to be an overheated motor and fan in the ceiling just inside the library's entrance way, according to Lt. Bill Moorman of the Bowling Green Fire Department.

Firemen found a small amount of smoke and sparks coming from the fan, Moorman said.

Employees waited next door in Anderson Arena while fire and police officials searched the library, but some students who came to use the library's services waited outside in 14 degree weather.

Students and employees reentered at 5:15 p.m.

Tire-slasher pleads not guilty in court

Andrew Bauman, 20, was released yesterday from the Wood County Justice Center on bond following his video arraignment earlier that morning.

Police arrested Bauman Sunday on charges of slashing the tires of over 20 vehicles on the 100 block of Troup Street and in the lot behind 724 E. Wooster St.

Bauman pleaded not guilty to criminal endangering, an underage alcohol offense and obstructing official business.

He is scheduled to appear in court March 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Some groups burn bright, but die

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Out members came together to attend local rallies against the war in Iraq, and traveled to the Republican National Convention to protest what they deemed an unfair administration. But the organization actually dates back to the 1980s, when it formed to educate the University community about apartheid in South Africa.

Reach Out — which peaked at about 40 members — called it quits when Nollish realized he and the majority of its members were graduating or leaving Bowling Green. The group reached a consensus to officially disband in May 2005.

But other groups, such as Conservative Student Publications — which is best known for writing and distributing its conservative news magazine the Renegade Review

— split not because of loss of membership, but primarily due to funding issues.

David Scharfeld, former opinion editor of the Renegade Review and current graduate student at the University, said CSP stopped the presses because "the paper was expensive to operate and attempting to sell ad space was difficult" for the organization.

Created in fall 2003, Scharfeld said CSP provided a conservative perspective to the BGSU community on current events and campus issues.

Scharfeld estimates the group of about 20 contributors released "about four or five" issues of the Renegade Review between Oct. 2003 and the fall of 2004, when the organization ceased to exist.

Scharfeld said the demise of CSP is disappointing because its publication provided a perspective other publications and professors do not offer students

— which is one reason he hopes a fellow student might restart the organization someday.

"There are always people since then who have wanted the Renegade Review to be resurrected, but no one as of yet as stepped up to the plate," he said.

In the last five years other clubs like the Current Political Issues Organization, NORML, ACLU and Veg 4 Life have formed and just as quickly slipped off the extracurricular radar.

Students looking to establish, or re-establish, campus organizations can visit OCI in the Union to pick up paperwork on starting up their new group. By providing a list of chosen officers, an adviser who has agreed to oversee the organization and the names of at least 10 other interested individuals, students then get to meet with a coordinator for student groups to gameplan recruiting for the organization.

Cultures multifaceted

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majority-minority relations.

Shinagawa's third issue dealt with many people feeling an allegiance to several cultures at once, including race, nationality and age.

"When people say 'who are you,' they're not only saying 'who are you,' they're asking who you belong to, who owns you," he said.

Our cultural identities overlap, he said, and it's important to recognize how that causes people to classify themselves.

After the presentation, Jason Carrick, a senior ethnic studies major who attended, said he isn't sure Shinagawa can make the changes he wants to make at the University in less than three years.

"I think he did a nice job touching on pan-ethnicity and making it more evident," Carrick said. "[But] I think putting it on a college campus isn't possible in a short amount of time."

He said Shinagawa's focus on studying the culture that results from two ethnicities combining,

such as Japanese and Chinese Americans, conflicts with the focus of classes he's taken so far.

"Most classes I've taken, we've studied just one ethnicity at a time," Carrick said. "He's talking about not looking at it as [individual] ethnic studies, but the culture that forms when two ethnicities are combined."

Despite that, Carrick said Shinagawa seemed open-minded.

"I can see him doing a good job," he said.

Shinagawa was chosen as a candidate because of his scholarly and administrative experience, according to Gary Lee, a professor who temporarily heads up the ethnic studies department while the search for a dean continues.

"He's someone who can provide leadership to the department," Lee said. Shinagawa is one of four finalists being interviewed for the position.

A new dean for the department will be chosen in March, Lee said.



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Professor receives recognition for musical excellence

BOWLING GREEN — Burton Beerman, a professor of composition for the University's College of Musical Arts, has received an Individual Excellence Award from the Ohio Arts Council.

The award offers a \$5,000 dollar prize in the music composition program and is intended to recognize a work for furthering the scope of the artistic realm. All OAC awards are provided to support for an individual's artistic growth.

The works for which Beerman was recognized include: "Invisible Images" for cello, violin, percussion and piano and "Tikvah: Concert of Hope, Enlightenment and Remembrance."

"Tikvah" is based on memoirs of Holocaust survivor Philip Markowicz and consists of a 90-minute multimedia oratorio with music, dance and video. It premiered in April 2005 during the Holocaust Remembrance Conference at the University.

"Invisible Images" was commissioned by the NeXtEns (cq) Ensemble from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and is now a part of ensemble's repertoire.

Beerman is also a composer, clarinetist, video artist and computer programmer.



BURTON BEERMAN

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Union 314

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Classes help students plan

Meetings focus on better academic routines for students

By Stephanie Spencer
REPORTER

For college students, stress can be a constant shadow throughout the day, a reminder that there are books to read and tests to take.

But with the help of meetings like last night's "Surviving the Semester: Coping Strategies for College Life" run by the University's First Year Success Series, students can learn to cope with a full

schedule and learn key skills to time management.

All audience members were attending the meeting to fulfill a requirement for UNIV 100, a class dedicated to helping freshmen and other first year students learn a positive academic routine for college.

Graduate students Wendy Fogo and Jennie Neufeld led the meeting and gave examples on how to reduce anxiety and appreciate relaxation.

"Setting too many goals that are too high can make working to achieve those goals very

SUCCESS, PAGE 12

TIPS FOR MAKING BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME:

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■ Put EVERYTHING on your schedule

■ Look at your schedule every day

■ Make a to-do list (alongside daily tasks)

■ Prioritize the list

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Brandon Heiss BG News

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QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"I respect the Olympics too much to compete, and I don't feel I can be at my best."

Former Olympic figure skater Michelle Kwan
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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Vandalism not worth retaliation

Early Sunday morning, individuals spray painted expletives on University signs, kiosks and sculptures across campus. The police were able to apprehend the suspects, but the damage had already been done.

Addressing the culprits and labeling them as delinquents or immature isn't necessary, nor will it be commented on at length.

Vandalism is both illegal and a pathetic expression of childishness, but that's generally understood.

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the best form of revenge is abstaining from it? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think or post feedback on our Web site.

Retaliation, however, is no better. Whether the students were from the University of Toledo or not, and whether the attacks on our campus were response

to something that might have happened up at the University of Toledo, the actions can evoke negative emotions from both sides. If unchecked, these emotions can lead to equally disturbing activity, and the result would be that our school looks as bad as the poor image these individuals have painted for our northern rivals.

Who's to say that University of Toledo students were the ones responsible? What if the criminals were from some other school?

What if Central Michigan or Buffalo came to the University to create controversy here in Ohio? By attacking back, we'd look like fools, hasty in deciding and ridiculous in our level of maturity.

Even if the assailants are from the University of Toledo, why would we want to emulate such low activity? What would responding do other than leave us vulnerable for another attack?

All of these questions are rhetorical in nature, but we point them out in an effort to paint

a picture as to what the future could look like if anyone from our University were to respond.

Being mad is easy, but being able to step away from a situation, to analyze what can happen as a result and being able to make a wise counter-response is a good indication of poise and intelligence. Our University administration continues to advocate critical thinking, and this is the perfect example of how carefully dissecting the consequences of a given situation is better for

everyone.

Even though not responding to their vandalism seems like a sign of weakness, refraining from doing so speaks a powerful message to our University "artists." It's not a sign of weakness to forgive and forget.

Even though the evidence suggests that the vandals could be University of Toledo students, we are calling for the University community to recognize these attacks as the workings of individuals.



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Africa is skewed by Western media

VICTOR MASSAQUOI

Guest Columnist

Since the colonization and partition of Africa by the French, British, Portuguese, Spanish, Italians and others decades ago, Africa is rarely portrayed in a positive light in Western media.

Pick up the New York Times, the Guardian in England or Le Monde in France and the reporting, interpretation and ethos are almost the same.

Despite the gradual improvements on the relics of our colonizers, Africa is still being branded by Western media as politically and economically backward, engulfed in never-ending civil strife, fraught with underdeveloped health system and constantly violating human rights. In the eyes of Western media organizations, Africa is just a place for exotic animals, seafood products and natural locations for movie shoots.

The media have clouded the minds of most Westerners with negative perceptions, even though perception does not always reflect reality.

But geographically, Africa is the second largest continent after Asia, with over 50 countries, and five regions; a continent that is endowed with natural resources, including gold, diamonds, oil, rich cultures and diverse traditions.

It's a place with a plethora of social belief and religious systems. Like other continents, Africa has its problems, but has many success stories.

Politically, we have made democratic progress in countries in Southern Africa, Kenya, Egypt, Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and other places despite political conflicts in places like Sudan and Ivory Coast.

The critics of Africa in Western

media — many of whom know little about the continent — have offered very little, if any, political solutions to solve some of the political problems in Africa.

Economically, almost 95 percent of business news is either about Southeast Asia, Europe or America. In a new documentary, "Africa is Ready for Business," a British film-maker portrayed successful businesses in about 10 countries in Africa (such as South Africa and Nigeria) as proven examples that Africa can compete with the rest of the world if given the opportunity.

Indeed, Africa is ready for foreign investment but only if Western media desist from denigrating Africa's economic prospects, and start promoting international investment in telecommunication, manufacturing, food production, airline and new technologies.

Socially, anything that is negative is from Africa. Today, even in the shadow of poverty, Africa continues to improve although at a snail pace and with limited resources.

The health and educational systems are improving greatly. Family values, once threatened by a wave of Western lifestyles, are being reinstated. Women are gradually participating in almost all aspect of society.

Africa is not hopeless. I blame the West partly for these problems. Most of the armed conflicts in Africa are fueled by illegal sale of arms by Western and Eastern contractors. The International Monetary Fund and others are squeezing Africa dry by way of providing loans with stiff conditions.

African leaders in turn swindle the loan money to private accounts logged in Western countries.

Is this fair?

Send comments to Victor at victorm@bgsu.edu.

Relationships should be taught in schools



DANIELLE WINTERS

Opinion Columnist

Frank Sinatra once sang that love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage...

For someone who envisions the perfect love, they might just go together. But for someone who has experienced the life-altering devastation of a broken heart, well, the two sometimes seem leagues apart.

Love. Both having it and the lack of it can either enhance or undo what we learn in the years before we experience it. Maybe someone ought to do something to teach us about it!

The standard University curriculum is so consumed with picking the perfect combination of general education courses that will send us into the world successful and well-rounded human beings, but it's very possible they might be overlooking an area of life that makes a huge impact.

After all, if we're not successful in our personal lives, chances are it will be reflected in other aspects of our lives and the lives of those we surround

ourselves with.

I'm sure we've all either been through or observed the process of "getting over it," which always involves the glazed over look, the inability to concentrate, the uncontrollable tears that come with every Hallmark commercial because they always manage to hit "that spot" in your heart.

Most of us think we can figure out what makes us happy, and that we naturally figure out what makes for a happy and healthy future, relationship-wise. However, after observing many relationships, a little dose of "Happy Family Life 101" or "How to Cope in the Real World 101." Or maybe even a "What am I Looking For?" course wouldn't hurt either. Ask your friends how many of them are already on some kind of anti-psychotic medicine because the world already seems too difficult to bear and they're not even out of college yet!

Schools wouldn't even have to look that far for a program to follow. As it turns out, there are a lot of people out there who have had problems with relationships. Who knew?

John Van Epp is the founder and director of the P.I.C.K. or "Premarital Interpersonal Choices and Knowledge" pro-

gram. The program is also more simply, and aptly, named "No Jerks."

I'm sure plenty of us could have used a jerk-deterrent, or at least a jerk radar, in our previous dating experiences.

While this program is being focused largely on the military and how it can benefit our men and women returning from war, it doesn't take a genius to realize how beneficial the "No Jerks" program can be for anyone on the dating scene.

Its benefit to the military is evident in these Department of Defense figures. Staggeringly, there have been over 56,000 divorces in the Army alone since the war began in Afghanistan. In this capacity, the program's mantra is, "Making a match for our men and women in uniform."

One key lesson of the program is to look at a potential partner's FACES (which stands for family background, attitudes, compatibility, experiences in previous relationships and skills they would bring to the relationship.)

It's a relatively normal thing these days for college students to have devastating experiences with love. Aren't we supposed to be experiencing life and learning about what's right and wrong

for us?

Instead, many of us are looking at each opportunity that comes our way as though it is "the one" or "the last one." Subsequently, when we suffer broken hearts because of an incompatibility in vision or a realization that the object of our affection wasn't what we thought he really was, it can really tough.

Maybe we should take some more advice from "No Jerks" — the part that uses what's called the "Relationship Attachment Model" to put some pace in relationships.

I always tell my friends we're young. While no one wants to be alone (and you're never really alone, in theory) it's better than being in a pointless or negative relationship. The idea is to be in a healthy, steady relationship with someone who complements you — fills in the missing pieces, if you will — makes you a better person and most of all makes you happy.

Maybe sometime in the future, sooner rather than later, we will see classes in our catalog with the title: "How Not to Marry a Jerk."

Send comments to Danielle at dwinter@bgsu.edu.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Should Michelle Kwan have been able to petition her way into the Olympics?



SEAN FREANEY
JUNIOR, IPC

"No. She's been in it twice and blew it both times."



MELISSA HAAS
SENIOR, CFCs

"If you can't compete with everyone else, why represent us?"



AMBER MCALHANEY
GRAD STUDENT, MOD

"Nope. She would have lost again."



BRITNEY PECORARO
SOPHOMORE, EDUCATION

"No. She took the experience away from someone else."

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IMPLANTS USED TO KEEP TABS ON WORKERS

CINCINNATI (AP) — A company that sells surveillance equipment has begun implanting tiny identifying devices in employees to allow them access to its secure vaults. The program is voluntary and is believed to be the first of its kind in the United States, CityWatcher.com Chief Executive Sean Darks said yesterday.

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STATE

Former BGSU Trustee jailed on charges

Tom Noe pleads not guilty to 53 counts, jailed on \$500k bail

By John Seewer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO — A coin dealer and GOP fundraiser hired to manage an unorthodox state investment in rare coins was charged yesterday with embezzling at least \$1 million in an election-year scandal that has sent Ohio Republicans running for cover.

Tom Noe, 51, pleaded not guilty and was jailed on \$500,000 bail. He was arrested over his handling of a \$50 million investment fund set up by the state workers' compensation bureau in an unusual attempt to make money by buying and selling rare coins.

The 10-month investigation led to sweeping changes at the workers' compensation bureau and prompted lame-duck Gov. Bob Taft and two former aides to plead no contest to ethics charges. Two other former Taft aides were charged last week, accused of failing to report loans and other favors from Noe.

After the scandal broke last year, President Bush and Republicans in Ohio rushed to give back donations from Noe. The furor has also raised Democrats' hopes of retaking the governor's office and other key elected positions in this year's elections.

Noe was charged yesterday with stealing money from the coin investment fund by writing numerous checks, sometimes

for hundreds of thousands of dollars each.

Lucas County Prosecutor Julia Bates would not say how much money Noe is alleged to have stolen, but one of the charges accuses him of embezzling at least \$1 million. The Ohio attorney general has said he believes Noe stole up to \$6 million.

Ohio Inspector General Tom Charles said investigators know where the money went, but he would not say where. Investigators were looking into whether any of the stolen money was donated to political candidates.

Noe already faces charges of illegally funneling \$45,000 to Bush's re-election campaign. The 53 new counts include racketeering, forgery, theft, money laundering and tampering with records, with the most serious charge carrying up to 10 years in prison.

Noe and his attorney, Jon Richardson, refused to answer questions after leaving the courtroom. Richardson has acknowledged a shortfall of up to \$13 million of the money Noe invested for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

In recent years, Noe became one of the state's top fundraisers and personally contributed more than \$105,000 to Republicans, including Bush and the governor, during the last campaign.

After the scandal broke, the Democrats bitterly complained that Noe was hired to manage the investment because of his political donations. They charged that the coin investments were another example of GOP corruption and self-dealing that resulted from virtual one-party rule in Ohio, where Republicans have controlled the governor's office, the Legislature and most statewide elected positions for 12 years. Ohio was also the state that put Bush over the top in the 2004 White House race.

The investigation began after The Blade newspaper reported in April that the workers' compensation bureau had invested \$50 million in rare coins with Noe.

Prosecutors also charged Noe's business partner, Timothy LaPointe, with engaging in corrupt activity and tampering with records. The two ran a rare-coin business in suburban Toledo.



TOM NOE
COIN DEALER

KEY EVENTS IN THE NOE SCANDAL:

- **1998** — The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation invests \$25 million and appoints coin dealer Tom Noe to oversee the buying and selling of rare coins. The deal allows Noe to keep 20 percent of the profits.
- **April 3, 2005** — The [Toledo] Blade reports that Workers' Compensation has invested \$50 million in rare coins with Noe, a top Republican donor and fundraiser in Ohio.
- **May 26** — Noe's attorney tells state inspectors that \$10 million to \$12 million is missing from the coin fund.
- **Oct. 27** — Noe indicted on charges of funneling \$45,400 to President Bush's re-election campaign to skirt giving limits in federal campaign finance laws.
- **Feb. 13, 2006** — Noe is indicted in Lucas County Common Pleas Court on numerous counts of theft, money laundering, forgery and tampering with evidence, as well as engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, for his handling of the \$50 million coin investment.

Debate over science classes continues

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Members of the State Board of Education must reopen a debate on language in Ohio schools' science curriculum that allows critical analysis of evolution or face a vote on its removal, an opponent of teaching the analysis said yesterday.

Board member Martha Wise said she would offer a motion to remove the language from the science lesson plan and state science standards at today's meeting unless the board takes other action before the meeting.

Wise, who represents northern Ohio, offered a similar motion at the board's Jan. 10 meeting that was defeated 9-8.

Virgil Brown Jr., one of two board members absent from last month's meeting, does not support the teaching of evolution analysis, sometimes referred to as intelligent design. However, he said Tuesday that he would not decide how to vote on any motion until he had read it.

He said both sides of the issue were trying to agree on how to proceed. A message seeking comment was left for Sue Westendorf, the board's president, who voted against

removing the critical analysis language last month.

Options to scrapping the language include seeking an opinion from Attorney General Jim Petro and putting off a vote until next month to encourage further discussion, Wise said.

"I am a creationist. I believe both sides of this issue, but I believe science should be taught," said Wise, a board member for 28 years.

In December, a federal ruled that Dover, Pa., students couldn't be taught intelligent design, the theory that an unspecified higher power designed life. The judge found that intelligent design was creationism and the school board's decision to include it in its science curriculum violated the U.S. Constitution.

The decision does not apply in Ohio, but critics of state standards say it invites a similar legal challenge. Gov. Bob Taft recommended a legal review even though he has said the guidelines should not include intelligent design.

Proponents of the plan want both sides of the theory of evolution offered to students and aren't trying to sneak intelligent design into Ohio's classrooms.

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Tagging could be retaliatory

VANDALISM, FROM PAGE 1

Four UT students are the main suspects in the investigation after being stopped on-campus by Kevin Meyers, a BGSU officer, just two-and-a-half hours before the vandalism was discovered.

Meyers attention was drawn toward the students when he saw three males running through Lot 1 towards a vehicle with a female inside, who was later determined to be a friend of the males. When questioned, the students revealed they were UT students who were on the University campus to spray-paint the Spirit Rock, located between Kreischer and Saddlemeire.

The UT students' names have yet to be released because they've not yet been charged with any crime.

Several students who live in Kreischer, including Jacquelyn Dolezal, a sophomore who walks by the Spirit Rock several times a day, said the rock's decoration had not changed all weekend.

"There is definitely no anti-BGSU remarks or UT praises on the rock," Dolezal said.

The four UT students told Meyers several places on UT's campus have been vandalized by BGSU students, judging by the colors of the paint used. The students said they were at the University to retaliate for the graffiti done at UT, said the police report filed by Meyers.

But both Jeff Newton and John Betori, police officers who handle all police reports for UT, said they have no knowledge of any vandalism on-campus where BGSU students would be suspect.

"It is possible that this vandalism was not reported," Newton said. "But most likely it would have been reported by now."

The UT students told Meyers they didn't spray-paint anything else on campus but the Spirit Rock, and Myers told them that if any more graffiti was discovered they would be considered



Jordan Flower BG News

TAGGED: Obscenities and the Toledo Rocket logo were found spray-painted on the "Thinker" statue in front of Olscamp Hall yesterday.

prime suspects.

And more graffiti is exactly what Myers found at nine different locations.

In blue and yellow spray-paint the statue outside Olscamp hall, a Fine Arts sign, a federal mailbox, a University mailbox, a BGSU sign outside the music building, a sign outside the Student Health Center and signs on parking lots N, O and 14 were all covered in graffiti.

The various bits of graffiti in all nine locations contain the following words and symbols, "BG Sucks," "UT" and the UT Rockets logo.

Several students while traveling to class saw the graffiti and were outraged, including Hope Hammond, senior.

"Your right to express a disagreement ends where it infringes on another person's rights," Hammond said. "We have the right to walk around on a nice campus."

Charges have not yet been filed against the four students. If police press charges it will likely be filed with Bowling Green Municipal Court for either criminal mischief, criminal damage or vandalism depending on the monetary cost to clean up the graffiti.

INTOXICATING



Nathaniel Myers BG News

THEY'RE ALL SO GOOD: All kinds of red wine was available for taste-testing last night in the Bowling Greenery at the How-2-Workshop for wine testing. Students could learn how to choose and pair wines together properly, at a cost of \$10 per session.

Nelson shares OneCard news

USG, FROM PAGE 1

with OneCard," he said.

With the new system in place, ID cards could also serve as a debit card for accounts set up through the University. This feature sparked discussion over whether the debit option would eliminate Bursar accounts and B/G Charges.

But Nelson assured the meeting attendees that no plans had been made to get rid of the Bursar and B/G Charge.

"We are just at the beginning of this process," he said.

Nelson explained that no policy decisions would be made without feedback from students and faculty. He is a member of both the Implementation Team, which collects feedback and holds discussion of upcoming plans, and the Executive Steering

Committee, which makes the final decisions on policy changes.

The committee has been in discussion for some time and plans to begin communicating with the campus via open forums, focus groups and a Web site shortly.

Nelson was asked to attend the USG meeting in the Union last night by USG president Aaron Shumaker and vice president Bernard Little. They wanted to have Nelson speak at the meeting to calm the nerves of students — both on and off USG — who question the new system and how it would change current options like the B/G Charge.

Word of Nelson's visit attracted some students outside of the USG body to attend the meeting. Representatives from The Latino Student Union came to hear what Nelson had to say. LSU's political action chair Brian Dixon was curious about the repercussions of the new OneCard system.

"I want to know how the OneCard system will affect our organization as well as other stu-

dent organizations," he said.

After Nelson's presentation, members of USG were more confident with the upcoming changes.

Vice President Little believed tension was eliminated by having Nelson lay out the facts and assure everyone that decisions would not be made lightly.

"He really cleared it all up," Little said. "And I think people were scared."

The OneCard system will be in effect by next fall.

Also next fall, the mandatory health care program will be in place. The University has spent months discussing the coverage that students will be offered. Last week USG representatives on the Health Advisory Committee recommended the carrier Chickering. The University has yet to make the final decision.

In USG business, informational meetings for any students who want to run for USG positions for the 2006-2007 school year have been set. The meetings are mandatory for anyone running and are open to all students.

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IRANIAN GOVERNMENT DEMANDS AN APOLOGY

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The Iranian government on Sunday rejected an accusation by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that it has fanned violent protests over caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad and demanded an apology, saying that could reduce growing tension.

WORLD

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Haitians block roads, protest election results

U.N. security officials allegedly open fire on protesters as Haitian interim government prepares to transition

By Stevenson Jacobs
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Supporters of Haitian presidential candidate Rene Preval erected smoldering roadblocks across the capital and occupied a luxury hotel yesterday. At least one protester was killed, but U.N. peacekeepers denied witness accounts that they had shot him.

As Port-au-Prince descended into chaos, Preval returned to the capital for the first time since Tuesday's election. He was the clear winner with about 90 percent of the votes counted, but supporters claimed electoral officials were tampering with results to prevent him from getting the majority he needs to avoid a runoff.

Barricades made of old tires were ablaze across the capital, sending plumes of acrid black smoke into the sky. Protesters let only journalists and Red Cross vehicles pass.

"If they don't give us the final results, we're going to

burn this country down!" a protester screamed.

The election will replace an interim government installed after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a bloody rebellion two years ago. A popularly elected government with a clear mandate from the voters is seen as crucial to avoiding a political and economic meltdown in the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation. Gangs have gone on kidnapping sprees, and factories have closed for lack of security.

Preval arrived aboard a U.N. helicopter from his rural home in north Haiti. Leaders of the interim government, the top U.N. representative in Haiti and ambassadors from the United States, France, Canada and Brazil planned to urge Preval to appeal for calm, said Michel Brunache, chief of staff of interim President Boniface Alexandre.

Landing at a U.N. base, Preval was asked whether he had a mes-



PRESIDENTIAL PROTESTINGS: A supporter of Haitian presidential front-runner Rene Preval holds a poster of him just outside Port-au-Prince.

sage for his supporters.

"Not now," he said, and kept walking.

In the middle-class Tabarre neighborhood, Associated Press journalists saw the body of a man on a street, blood soaking

Preval's image emblazoned on his T-shirt. Dozens of witnesses said Jordanian U.N. peacekeepers in a jeep opened fire, killing two people and wounding four. The body of the second reported victim was not seen.

"We were peacefully protesting when the U.N. started shooting. There were a lot of shots. Everybody ran," said Walrick Michel, 22.

U.N. spokesman David Wilmhurst first denied that peacekeepers fired any rounds, then later said they had fired in the air. "We fired two warning shots into the air and we didn't injure anyone," he said.

In the Pétionville neighborhood in the hills east of Port-au-Prince, thousands of screaming protesters poured into the Montana Hotel, where election officials had been announcing results. Blue-helmeted U.N. peacekeepers armed with assault rifles looked on from the grounds and the roof. No violence was reported.

Protesters waving Preval campaign posters and tree branches jumped up and down in unison, chanting: "Now is the time! Now is the time!" Dozens somersaulted fully clothed into the pool, turning the water into froth as they splashed around — a rare treat in

a country where most people lack running water.

Protesters stretched out on chaise lounges and ran up and down the hotel stairs past rooms costing \$200 and up a night.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu, who is visiting Haiti, came out of his suite to appeal for calm. One of his security agents said the South African had refused to be evacuated by the helicopter that was plucking guests from the roof.

U.N. peacekeepers controlled access to a separate part of the hotel that was being used as an election center, and U.N. Huey helicopters clattered overhead.

After several hours, the crowd began to file out of the hotel.

"We came looking for someone to give us the real results," said a 30-year-old Preval organizer who identified himself only as "Sanpeur." "We made them leave because we don't want disorder. We did not come here looking for violence."

Iran halts talks with Russia over nuclear development

By Nasser Karimi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran notched up the brinkmanship over its disputed nuclear program yesterday, abruptly postponing talks with Moscow on a plan to enrich Tehran's uranium on Russian territory to allay fears it is building an atomic weapon.

Diplomats in Europe said Iran had started small-scale enrichment of uranium, a process that can produce fuel for an atomic bomb.

"Uranium gas has been fed into three machines," said a senior diplomat in Vienna, Austria, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment on the matter. Another diplomat confirmed that limited enrichment had begun at Iran's Natanz site.

State-run Iranian television later reported that Alaeddin Boroujerdi, head of the national security and foreign relations committee in parliament, said the country had begun peaceful nuclear enrichment activities yesterday. Boroujerdi said inspectors from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency were present.

The talks with Russia had been slated for Thursday but were postponed indefinitely because of the "new situation," said Iranian presidential spokesman Gholamhossein Elham. He was referring to the IAEA's decision this month to report Iran to the U.N. Security Council because of uncertainty over its nuclear intentions.

Iran maintains its nuclear program is designed solely

to generate electricity, but the United States and some U.S. allies claim the program is a cover for producing an atomic bomb.

Moscow had proposed that Iran ship its uranium to Russia, where it would be enriched to a level suitable for nuclear reactors. It would then be returned to Iran for use at the Russian-built Bushehr plant, which is due to begin operating this year.

The plan, backed by the United States and the European Union, was an attempt to avoid international objections to Iranian uranium enrichment by providing oversight so no weapons would be made. Iran had said the plan did not fulfill its requirements but was worth pursuing.

Saddam and defendants demand the removal of judge as trial continues on

By Hamza Hendawi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Prosecutors produced documents and put former aides to Saddam Hussein on the stand yesterday as they made their strongest attempt yet to link him directly to torture and executions.

The ousted president, who looked disheveled and appeared in his slippers, shouted "Down with Bush!"

Saddam's half brother, Barzan Ibrahim — dressed only in an undershirt and long underwear — struggled with guards as he was pulled into the courtroom. Ibrahim, the former chief of intelligence, then sat on the floor with his back to

the judge in protest for much of the session.

The defendants have rejected court-appointed attorneys named to replace their own lawyers who walked out of the trial last month, and are demanding the removal of chief judge Rouf Abdel-Rahman. In Jordan, Saddam's chief defense lawyer said there were no plans to end the boycott and denounced the court for forcing the former leader to attend.

"This is a cheap attitude," Khaled al-Dulaimi told The Associated Press.

After the raucous start, prosecutors tried to prove Saddam's role in a wave of arrests and executions that followed a 1982

attempt on his life in the Shiite village of Dujail.

Twenty-six prosecution witnesses have testified since the Saddam trial began Oct. 19, many providing accounts of torture and imprisonment in the crackdown, but they could not directly pin them on Saddam.



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In fowl shooting, vice president wounds fellow hunter

By Nedra Pickler
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney apparently broke the No. 1 rule of hunting: be sure of what you're shooting at.

Cheney wounded fellow hunter Harry Whittington in the face, neck and chest Saturday, apparently because he didn't see Whittington approaching as he fired on a covey of quail in Texas.

Hunting safety experts interviewed yesterday agreed it would have been a good idea for Whittington to announce himself — something he apparently didn't do, according to a witness. But they stressed that the shooter is responsible for knowing his surroundings and avoiding hitting other people.

"We always stress to anybody that before you make any kind of a shot, it's incumbent upon the shooter to assess the situation

and make sure it's a safe shot," said Mark Birkhauser, president-elect of the International Hunter Education Association and hunter education coordinator in New Mexico. "Once you squeeze that trigger, you can't bring that shot back."

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has not commented publicly about the accident. He avoided reporters by leaving an Oval Office meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan before the press was escorted in.

President Bush was told about Cheney's involvement in the accident shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday — about an hour after it occurred — but the White House did not disclose the accident until Sunday afternoon, and then only in response to press questions. Press secretary Scott McClellan said he did not know until Sunday morning



READY, AIM: Vice President Dick Cheney accepts a rifle from NRA President Kayne Robinson and Vice President Wayne R. LaPierre.

that Cheney had shot someone.

Facing a press corps upset that news had been withheld, McClellan said, "I think you can always look back at these issues and look at how to do a

better job."

Katharine Armstrong, the owner of the ranch where the shooting occurred, said she told Cheney on Sunday morning that she was going to inform the local paper,

the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. She said he agreed, and the newspaper reported it on its Web site Sunday afternoon.

Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren said that about an hour after Whittington was shot, the head of the Secret Service's local office called the Kenedy County sheriff to report the accident. "They made arrangements at the sheriff's request to have deputies come out and interview the vice president the following morning at 8 a.m. and that indeed did happen," Zahren said.

At least one deputy showed up at the ranch's front gate later in the evening and asked to speak to Cheney but was turned away by the Secret Service, Zahren said. There was some miscommunication that arrangements had already been made to interview the vice president in the morning, he said.

Gilbert San Miguel, chief deputy sheriff for Kenedy County, said the report had not been completed Monday and that it was being handled as a hunting accident. He said his department's investigation had found that alcohol was not a factor in the shooting.

The National Rifle Association, a close ally of the White House, would not comment on who was to blame in the accident.

Whittington, a prominent Republican attorney in the Texas capital of Austin, was in stable condition at Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial and was moved from intensive care to a "step-down unit" yesterday. Doctors decided to leave several birdshot pellets lodged in his skin rather than try to remove them.

Armstrong said the accident occurred as Whittington was retrieving a bird he had shot in

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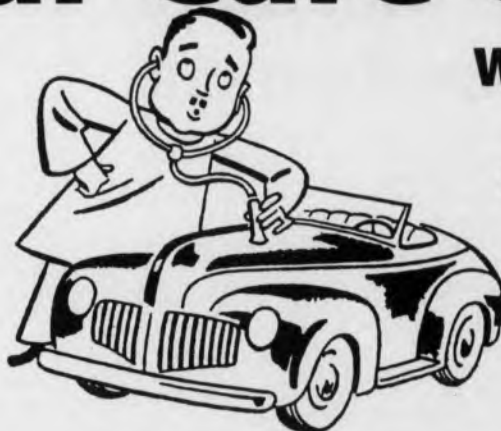
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BRIEFING

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' gay policy costs \$363 million

WASHINGTON (AP)—The brief Discharging troops under the Pentagon's policy on gays cost \$363.8 million over 10 years, almost double what the government concluded a year ago, a private report says. The report, to be released today by a University of California Blue Ribbon Commission, questioned the methodology the Government Accountability Office used when it estimated that the financial impact of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was at least \$190.5 million.

U.N. investigations found United States committing acts of torture

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—A U.N. investigation has found that the United States committed acts amounting to torture at Guantanamo Bay, including force-feeding detainees and subjecting them to prolonged solitary confinement, according to a draft report obtained yesterday.

The report recommended the United States close Guantanamo Bay and revoke all special interrogation techniques authorized by the Defense Department. Its experts accused the United States of violating the detainees' rights to a fair trial, freedom of religion and health.

The report's findings were based on interviews with former detainees, public documents, media reports, lawyers, and a questionnaire filled out by the U.S. government.

Many of the allegations have been made before, but the document is the first such accounting from an inquiry launched by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

Hurricane Katrina money spent by government

Homeland security says disaster aid was mismanaged, abused

By Hope Yen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government squandered millions of dollars in Katrina disaster aid, including handing \$2,000 debit cards to people who gave phony Social Security numbers and used the money for such items as a \$450 tattoo, auditors said yesterday.

Federal money also paid for \$375-a-day beachfront condos and 10,777 trailers that were stuck in mud and unusable.

Overcharges, poor accounting and abuses will take "months or years" to rectify, the Government Accountability Office and the Homeland Security Department's inspector general concluded in preliminary reports on how billions of dollars in taxpayer money is being spent.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recognizes

it "made many, many mistakes," and is working on improvement, said Homeland Security inspector general Richard Skinner. "But they're not where they should be. In some cases, the government will have little legal recourse to recoup payments to contractors for payments."

Separately, the Justice Department said yesterday that federal prosecutors had filed fraud, theft and other charges against 212 people accused of scams related to Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Forty people have pleaded guilty so far, the latest report by the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force said. Many defendants were accused of trying to obtain emergency aid, typically a \$2,000 debit card, issued to hurricane victims by FEMA and the American Red Cross.

The GAO report found that up to 900,000 of the 2.5 million applicants who received aid under the emergency cash assistance program — which included the debit cards given to evacuees — based their requests on duplicate or



Mary Ann Chastain AP Photo

AFTERMATH STILL: Deandre Hatcher wears a mask to protect himself as he cleans out his home in the lower 9th ward in New Orleans.

invalid Social Security numbers, or false addresses and names.

In other instances, recipients improperly used their debit cards intended for food and shelter for \$400 massages, a \$450 tattoo, a \$1,100 diamond engagement ring and \$150 worth of products at "Condoms to Go."

The reports called for stronger controls to verify the eligibility of disaster victims who apply for aid over the phone and Internet, better planning of emergency supplies for hurricanes and improved accounting of FEMA's vast inventory of temporary housing.

Senators decried the problems.

"Once again, FEMA failed to adequately plan for the very type of disaster that occurs virtually every year," said Susan Collins, R-Maine, who chairs a Senate panel reviewing the government's response to the storm.

Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said hurricane victims and taxpayers alike were being "ripped off." "It's unacceptable and ultimately infuriating. We need to do everything we can to insist that FEMA and DHS prepare for the next disaster," he said.

The White House and Homeland Security officials defended administration actions against the criticism that is still going strong more than five months after the storm.

"I reject outright the suggestion that President Bush was anything less than fully involved," White House homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend said.

And Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff rebuffed the idea that his department was preoccupied with terror threats at the expense of natural disasters.

Bald eagles make a come-back

New guidelines help landowners protect the nation's bird

By John Heilprin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The American bald eagle, after battling back from the threat of extinction because of habitat loss and DDT, took another step yesterday toward coming off the endangered species list.

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service issued draft voluntary guidelines spelling out how landowners, land managers and others should protect the bird once it no longer is safeguarded by the 1973 law.

It also proposed prohibitions on "disturbing" the bald eagle, which could include anything that would disrupt its breeding, feeding or sheltering or cause injury, death or nest abandonment.

The Clinton administration proposed removing the bald eagle from the endangered species list in 1999. But the delisting has taken far longer than the typical year, partly because updated

counts are required from each of the states, and some of those have their own rules that add to red tape.

Officials said yesterday's action could lead to the bald eagle coming off the endangered species within the next year or so.

"Should the eagle be delisted, we expect that the public will notice little change in how eagles are managed and protected," said H. Dale Hall, the Fish and Wildlife Service's director.

He said at least 7,066 known nesting pairs now exist in the contiguous United States. The bald eagle's territory stretches over much of the North American continent. Tens of thousands more live in Alaska and Canada, where their existence never was imperiled.

However, 43 years ago, there were just 417 known nesting pairs left in the lower 48 states, mainly because of the widespread use of DDT and other pesticides that weakened the bald eagle's eggshells and reduced its birth rate. The brown-bodied bird with the distinctive white head and tail also suffered from lead poison-

ing — eating waterfowl pierced by a hunter's lead shot.

So in 1967, under a law that preceded the 1973 Endangered Species Act, the fierce raptor was officially declared an endangered species in the lower 48. In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency banned DDT for most uses.

In 1978, Fish and Wildlife officials listed the bald eagle as endangered in 43 states and threatened in Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. The government hatched detailed recovery plans, with specific population and reproduction goals. Sometimes eggs were imported from Canada and installed at artificial eyries.

By 1995, the species had rebounded enough to be reclassified as threatened throughout the lower 48.

If and when the bald eagle is removed entirely from the endangered list, two other laws will continue to protect it: the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the 1940 Bald Eagle Protection Act, later revised to include the golden eagle.

Cheney shoots friend

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the tall grasses on her property. Cheney and another hunter who she declined to identify moved on to another covey of quail — Armstrong estimated it was roughly 100-150 yards away — and Cheney fired on a bird just as Whittington was rejoining them. She said Whittington was in tall grass and thick brush about 30 yards away, which made it difficult for Cheney to see him, although both of them were wearing bright orange safety vests.

"Typically when you are coming back to a line, you would say 'I'm coming up,' or whatever," she told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "It was completely unbeknownst to the vice president or the other shooter that Mr. Whittington was coming back up."

Duane Harvey, president of the Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructors Association, said if Whittington had made his pres-

ence known "that would have been a polite thing to do." But, he added, "it's still the fault upon the shooter to identify his target and what is beyond it."

Despite all the safety tips and training, hunting accidents are an unfortunate part of the sport. In Texas, there were 30 accidents and two hunting deaths last year, according to the state Parks and Wildlife Department. National figures kept by the International Hunter Education Association show 744 shooting accidents, with 74 deaths, in 2002, the last year for which figures were available. Twenty-six accidents involving quail hunting were reported.

The association estimates there are 15.7 million hunters who will spend about 250 million days hunting in the United States this year.

Editor's note: Associated Press writers Elizabeth White in Washington, T.A. Badger in Sarita, Texas, and Lynn Brezowsky in Corpus Christi contributed to this report.

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THE BG NEWS

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Tonight's Mid-American Conference men's game between BGSU and Akron will be televised on FSN-Ohio at 8 p.m. from Rhodes Arena.

The Falcons fell to Akron in overtime, 77-72 on Jan. 29 at Anderson Arena. The Zips are tied for the lead in the MAC East with an 11-2 league mark.

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

American hurt during first day of women's luge

Retrosi finished at games but should make full recovery

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CESANA, Italy — As Samantha Retrosi's limp body skittered across the ice, her face pressed against the frozen surface, silence fell over the high-speed luge track atop this sleepy Alpine village.

Retrosi's terrifying crash yesterday provided a scary reminder of how dangerous riding a sled at 80 mph can be.

And, that the Olympics aren't always fun and games.

"It was a bad crash. ... But the bottom line is that she's going to be OK," U.S. team leader Fred Zimny said.

Retrosi, a 20-year-old from Saranac Lake, N.Y., competing in her first Winter Games, sustained a concussion and cut her chin in a wicked spill on the first day of women's luge.

Though she suffered short-term memory loss and is out of the games, "everything is looking good," said Ed Ryan, the U.S. Olympic Committee's director of sports medicine.

Retrosi was taken by helicopter to CTO Hospital in Turin where she will be re-evaluated this morning, Ryan said, adding that "we expect her to be discharged" at that time.

As she neared the bottom of the speedy course — redesigned last year because of safety concerns — Retrosi smacked the wall, flipped her sled and appeared to be unconscious as she slid facedown with her right arm twisted awkwardly to her side.

BG wins two titles at All-Ohio

Hartman crowned champ of weight throw, Cochran takes 400

By Adam Miezin
REPORTER

Redemption may be the word around the BGSU women's track team for the next two weeks as they prepare to battle the best of the Mid-American Conference. But there was one more roadblock before the Falcons could chase the conference title.

The team finished third at the All-Ohio Championships on Saturday in Findlay, behind conference rivals

Miami University and Toledo, which finished first and second, respectively.

"The finish was alright, however losing to UT and Miami is never satisfying," said BG coach Scott Sehmman. "We're coming on strong going into the championships and are looking for some redemption in two weeks."

The Falcons had many reasons to cheer on Saturday, though. They claimed victories in the 400-meter run and the 20-pound weight throw.

Whitney Hartman had her second best throw of the season in the weight throw with a toss of 55-03.5 (16.85-meters). Lacey Cochran took the 400-meter run with a time of 58.06, which also sets a personal record.

"Whitney was seeded No.

1 going into the meet and came through in the clutch," Sehmman said. "She has been under the weather and wasn't 100 percent but kept at it and came out on top. As for Lacey she was seeded No. 3 going into the meet and made a good decision to go out and get the lead at the cut point. Then she just flat outran the competition to the line a lap later. Her performance is reflective of a strong desire to compete and fight to the end."

"She has been under the weather and wasn't 100 percent but kept at it and came out on top."

SCOTT SEHMMAN,
BG COACH

200-meter dash, finishing with a time of 25.10.

"Jess is nearing 100 percent health after some early season injuries and is primed to make a solid run for top finishes in the 60 and 200 at the MAC Meet," Sehmman said. "She has made solid progress the last two meets and it will be real exciting to see her perform in our home arena in two weeks."

TRACK



Brandon Heiss BG News

EXTENSION: The All-Ohio Championships last weekend at Findlay served as BGSU's final meet before the Mid-American Conference Championships at home on Friday and Saturday.

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HOCKEY

Falcons feeling blue

Trip to Alaska was not pleasant as BG gets swept by Fairbanks

By Colin Wilson
REPORTER

Time is running out on the BGSU hockey team.

The Falcons dropped a pair to Alaska Fairbanks over the weekend and are now in 11th place in the CCHA. With only four games remaining, BG will need all the help they can to get a decent playoff seed.

After falling 4-3 Friday and 3-1 Saturday, BG is five points away from eighth place in the conference. Teams coming in places five through eight in the conference get to play the first round of the playoffs at home.

No lead was safe for the Falcons against Fairbanks. BG struck first in both contests this weekend but couldn't hold on in either case. In Friday's contest the Falcons led 2-0 after two quick goals in the first two minutes. Unfortunately, the Nanooks would net four unanswered goals and BG did not have the firepower to overcome the onslaught.

"We're proud of the effort but disappointed with the result," said BG assistant coach Ron Fogarty. "We don't control our own destiny at this point, so we just have to focus on how well we play Friday night."

Brett Pilkington's seventh goal of the year would put the Falcons on top 1-0 at the 6:08



Jordan Flower BG News

CORNERED: After getting swept in two games by Alaska Fairbanks, the Falcons now find themselves in 11th place in the CCHA.

mark of the second period in Saturday's game. The goal was assisted by Alex Foster and Don Morrison. Foster's assist was his 36th, which is the most in the CCHA. The lead was short-lived, though, as UAF would answer at the 12:44 mark. Braden Walls got a shot past BG goalie Jimmy Spratt in an unassisted effort and things stayed at 1-1 for a while.

"Jimmy played excellent, although he came out with the loss," Fogarty said. "He made some outstanding saves throughout the course of the game, he made the tough shots

look like routine saves."

Although he had an outstanding third period—stopping the first 15 shots he faced—Spratt could not stop a Lucas Burnett shot and the Nanooks took the lead 2-1 with just 4:07 remaining. The goal was assisted by Kyle Greentree and Jordan Hendry. BG could not muster up enough offense to respond. They would pull their goalie in favor of an extra attacker but Braden Walls would score his second goal of the night on the empty net to put the Falcons

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TENNIS

Romer returns from NY to help Falcons in sweep

Romer battled long flights and emotion, and then opponents

By Brooks Obermeyer
REPORTER

The BGSU tennis team came up aces this past weekend, winning both of their matches while conceding only a single individual match. The Falcons (4-4) improved their home record to 3-0 with victories over Wright State and Bradley at Shadow Valley Tennis and Fitness Club in Toledo.

BG's Heidi Romer returned to the team Saturday morning after attending her grand-

father's funeral in New York. Despite her emotions and a bit of jet lag, Romer went a perfect 4-0 on the weekend.

"I was really tired, but I was able to block it out," Romer said. "I flew out of New York at 4 a.m. and didn't get back to Bowling Green until 7:30 a.m."

A few hours later, Romer helped Bradley's Teri Chan 6-2, 6-4 at the No. 3 singles flight and the Falcons beat the Braves, 7-0.

"I thought Heidi Romer's performance was amazing," said BG coach Penny Dean. "We did not even know if she would be able to make it back in time for the match, and for her to

play the way she did was great to see."

On Sunday, the Falcons downed visiting WSU 6-1 in a match that was more competitive than the final score suggested.

The Raiders (3-5) entered the dual on a three-match winning streak, including a win over Akron on Saturday. But BG stopped any momentum that Wright State had coming in, by taking all three doubles matches.

"This match was a lot closer than the final score indicated," Dean said.

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Cavs throttle defending champs

James scores 44 and Z and Gooden each post double-doubles

By Joe Milicia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The defending champions had no answer for LeBron James.

James scored 44 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat San Antonio 101-87 last night to end the Spurs' nine-game

winning streak.

It was James' sixth game over 40 points this season. He went 19-for-33 and added five assists and three rebounds. James scored 18 in the third quarter and had 36 through three periods.

The win ended a two-game slide for the Cavaliers and stopped another streak for the Spurs — a franchise-record nine straight road victories.

James got plenty of help

from Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds and Drew Gooden, who finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cavaliers continue to play well at home against the NBA's best. They are 14-2 at home against teams over .500, while just 5-5 against teams under .500.

Down 51-50 early in the third,

JAMES, PAGE 11

Kent all alone in quest for second in MAC

By Chris Voloschuk
REPORTER

Kent State: 15-7, (8-3) — The Golden Flashes are currently in second place in the MAC East and are just one of the many teams trying to keep up with the Falcons. Since losing at Western Michigan on Feb. 4, the Flashes have rattled off two wins in a row — 68-65 at home over Ball State (13-9) and 68-58 on the road at Northern Illinois (9-13). Kent will look to build on its current momentum this week with a game at home tomorrow against Ohio and a road game Saturday at Akron.

Did You Know?: Senior Forward Lindsay Shearer leads the MAC in scoring with 19.9 points per game. On Feb. 9, Shearer was

named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District IV First Team by CoSIDA. This is the third year in a row that she has received this honor. The Golden Flashes team as a whole leads the MAC in defensive rebounds with 26.68 per game.



Ohio: 7-15, (4-7) — The Bobcats have not been performing well in the last two weeks, as they have dropped their last four games in a row, the most recent loss being an 81-49 blow-out at home against Toledo (9-12) on Saturday. OU's schedule is not getting any easier, and it will look to get it together this week with games at Kent State tomorrow and Miami (OH) on Saturday.

Did You Know?: Despite the

recent losing streak, the Bobcats boast some MAC leaders in a couple of key statistical categories. They lead the conference in free throw percentage (74 percent) and 3-point field-goal percentage (37 percent).



Miami (OH): 7-15, (2-9) — The RedHawks have been struggling in MAC play and are in the middle of a five-game losing skid. Their most recent loss was a 78-55 beating at Eastern Michigan (16-6). This was also the MAC Women's TV Game of the Week, televised on networks throughout Ohio, Michigan, Chicago and Buffalo. Miami will try to turn its fortunes around this week with a game at Buffalo on Valentine's Day before return-

ing home for a game against Ohio on Saturday.

Did You Know?: Miami likes to attack the glass, and the stat sheets certainly prove it. The RedHawks lead the MAC in Offensive Rebounds Per Game with 15.95 and sport the top rebounding offense in the conference, pulling down 40.7 boards a game.



Buffalo: 7-15, (2-9) — The Bulls mirror the RedHawks in that they not only have the same record, but they are both currently in the middle of losing streaks. The big difference for Buffalo is that their losing streak has been longer (seven games). The Bulls have not been able to put it together in the past month and a half, as they

have dropped nine of their last 11 games. This week they will look to get some love (and a win) at home on Valentine's Day against Miami (OH) before heading to Athens for a Saturday night game against Ohio.

Did You Know?: Sophomore Heather Turner has been very effective offensively for the Bulls this season. The 6-foot forward leads the MAC in both offensive rebounds (4.0 per game) and field goal percentage (62 percent).



Akron: 4-18, (1-10) — The Zips are at the bottom of the East standings and are actually, record-wise, the worst team in the entire MAC. Since winning a non-conference game at Lafayette on Dec. 30, the Zips

have been in a big funk, losing 10 of their last 11 games, the most recent defeat coming at home against Central Michigan (14-8), 60-44. This week will present two chances for Akron to get something going in the win column, but it definitely will not be easy. The first will be a home contest tomorrow against BGSU, a team that hasn't lost in the MAC. The second chance will come in yet another home game on Saturday against second place Kent State.

Did You Know?: Akron has one of the worst defenses in the entire MAC, but there is still something positive to report on that side of the ball. Senior guard Courtney Stewart is ranked second in the conference in Steals Per Game with 2.91.



Josh Phillips BG News

HIGH FIVE: The Falcons had reason to celebrate this weekend with wins over Bradley and Wright State at Shadow Valley in Toledo.

Falcons yield just one loss in pair of victories

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At No. 1 singles, Ashley Jakupcin rallied from three games down in the second set to defeat Tiffani Foster 6-1, 6-4.

The Raiders only point of the day came at No. 2 singles, when Jessica Lee pushed past BG's Jenna Nussbaum in three sets 6-0, 4-6, 1-0.

Romer capped off her weekend with a hard fought victory over Audra Beckett at No. 3 singles. Romer rebounded after losing the first set to win 3-6, 7-5, 1-0.

In addition to Romer's perfect play, Andrea Meister, and sisters Ashley and Kelsey Jakupcin, also finished 4-0 on the weekend.

The Falcons look to move above .500 for the first time this season Saturday when they travel to Cincinnati to take on the Xavier Musketeers. On Sunday, BG will return home to host the Flames of Illinois-Chicago at 3 p.m. at Shadow Valley.

"This should be an interesting weekend, because both teams have similar players and good depth," Dean said.

Springer sets personal best in 800

ROFLOW, FROM PAGE 10

The consistent shot put team let no one down on this day, either. They finished third, fourth and eighth with each thrower achieving a new personal record. Those throwers were Paris Bussey, Takara Dunning, and Whitney Hartman, respectively. Lauren Bryant finished eighth in the 20 lb. weight throw, with Hartman finishing first.

Another solid performer throughout the year has been Jamie Roflow. She ran the mile

this past weekend, finishing second with a time of 5:01.00. She also teamed up with Angela Raizis, Kim Settle, and Lyndi Springer to run Distance Medley Relay. They finished second in the event, with a time of 12:23.05.

Springer also had set a new personal record in the 800, with a time of 2:15.81. That was good enough for third place.

"Jamie ran two solid mile legs yesterday," Sehmman said. "She competed very well and is ready to challenge for some titles in the 5k and 3k at the

league meet where her strength and endurance are assets in these longer races."

The next time these ladies will be competing is Feb. 24-25 when BG plays host to the 2006 Indoor Track & Field Mid-American Conference Championships. The first event begins at 10:30 a.m.

"We're making good strides and have a lot of momentum going into the MAC Championships," Sehmman said. "This is what these ladies have worked so hard for, and I am sure they all relish in the

opportunity to show their skills and efforts to the BG community, their teammates, friends and family and competitors."

With the indoor season coming to a close and the BG track team heating up, it should make for a very interesting meet when the powers of the MAC roll into Bowling Green next weekend. How the team will do is anyone's guess, but with the way they have been coming on of late, it would be no surprise to anyone to see a few more MAC championships won by the falcons.

Fans chant "MVP" for third-year pro

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the Cavaliers patiently built a lead on a 21-10 run fueled by James.

His nightly highlight came when he drove around Nazr Mohammed under the rim for a reverse slam. He followed with a running jumper and a free throw to give the Cavaliers a 71-61 with 12 seconds left in the third quarter.

With James spending some rare minutes on the bench, the Cavaliers extend-

ed their lead to 81-64 early in the fourth quarter behind Ilgauskas and Eric Snow.

The Spurs began settling for jump shots and never recovered.

James capped his night with a steal and a soaring dunk. He drew a standing ovation moments later when he took the bench for the final two minutes, the crowd chanting "M-V-P."

Spratt's 36 saves not enough over weekend

SPRATT, FROM PAGE 10

away with 11 seconds remaining, making the final score 3-1.

The Falcons were 1-for-8 on the power play this weekend while successfully killing nine of 10 penalties. The lone power play goal was scored Friday night by Derek Whitmore. Spratt recorded a career-high 36 saves in the loss, as well.

The Falcons' record now

stands at 13-18-1 overall and 8-15-1 in the CCHA. They must play well down the home stretch with four games remaining. One good thing the Falcons have going is that three of the four games are at home where they are 9-8 this season. BG's final two games are against first place Miami.

BG's next game is at 7:05 p.m. Friday against Notre Dame at the Ice Arena.

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Methods to succeed

SUCCESS, FROM PAGE 3

stressful," Neufeld said.

Students were then asked about their own personal methods to relieving stress and were handed a seven page packet explaining how to limit procrastination and work toward academic success.

One of the important concepts in this packet was the notion of "thinking traps," or the irrational thoughts that come naturally with stress.

An example of a "thinking trap" would be to "discount the positives" or to only focus on the most negative outcome of a given situation. Another example would be personalization, the belief that everything is affected by the actions of the individual.

Fogo and Neufeld then led the students through a relaxation technique using body

tension and release as a way to think clearly and focus.

Other methods can include exercising, fresh air and engaging in a hobby, even if just for a little while.

As the meeting came to a close, the audience asked personal questions and readily talked about being overwhelmed. They also talked about how they have dealt with stress in the past.

One last piece of advice was given by Wendy Fogo, "It is really about finding a balance between leisure and work, like everything else."

Editor's note: Additional BGSU First Year Success programs this semester include "Beer Goggles: Alcohol Fact vs. Fiction" on Feb. 21 and "Oh No! Spring Break: No big deal or is it?" on Feb. 28.

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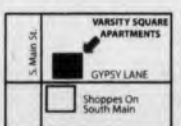
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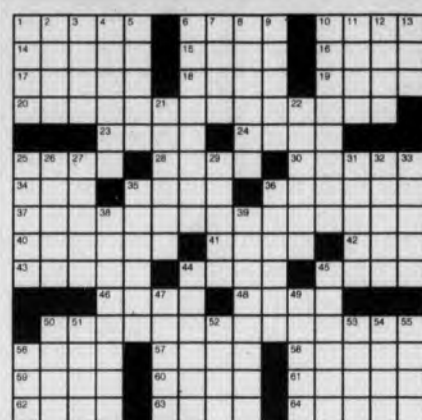
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